

Upper Umpqua language

Upper Umpqua is an extinct *Athabaskan language* formerly spoken along the south fork of the Umpqua River in west-central Oregon by Upper Umpqua (Etnemitane) people in the vicinity of modern Roseburg. It has been extinct for at least fifty years and little is known about it other than it belongs to the same *Oregon Athabaskan* cluster of *Pacific Coast Athabaskan languages* as the *Lower Rogue River language*, *Upper Rogue River language* and *Chetco-Tolowa*.

The most important documentation of Upper Umpqua is the extensive vocabulary obtained by *Horatio Hale* in 1841 (published in Hale 1846). *Melville Jacobs* and *John P. Harrington* were able to collect fragmentary data from the last speakers as late as the 1940s (Golla 2011:70-72). Although known to early explorers and settlers as *Umpqua*, the language is now usually called *Upper Umpqua* to distinguish it from the unrelated Oregon Coast *Penutian* language *Lower Umpqua* (*Kuitsh* or *Siuslaw language*) that was spoken closer to the coast in the same area.

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External links

- Oregon Athabaskan languages* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20100614223633/http://logos.uoregon.edu/explore/oregon/athabaskan.html>)
- map of region* (<http://chinookjargon.home.att.net/mapinlng.htm>)

(Upper) Umpqua	
Native to	USA
Region	Oregon (Umpqua Valley)
Extinct	ca. 1950
Language family	Dené–Yeniseian? - Na-Dené - Athabaskan - Pacific Coast Athabaskan (Upper) Umpqua
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	xup
Linguist List	xup (http://multitree.org/codes/xup)
	qhk (http://multitree.org/codes/qhk) (not ISO)
Glottolog	uppe1436 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/uppe1436) ^[1]

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